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### DATES COMING UP

October

Mon 28-Fri 1: Half Term

November

Mon 4: Term restarts

Tue 5 & Th 7 Parent Evenings

Mon 11- Fri 15 Y5 Camp

Fri 15 Children in Need Day

Mon 25 Theatre Group in Church

Fri 29 Inset Day

December

Fri 13 Christmas Lunch

Fri 20 End of Term 2

Full year dates on the website

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# Newsletter 3

Dear parents,

As we approach the end of Term1, it's time to reflect on all of the good learning that has taken place, and look forward to a well-earned half-term break.

Year 6 have been on Camp this week, and they have had their usual activity-filled time. I really enjoyed visiting them on Wednesday, and watching them challenge themselves in all sorts of different ways. Just being away from home is quite a challenge for some, so well done to everyone. A special thank you to the staff and parents who went with them: we couldn't organise trips like this without so many people giving up their time (many parents taking holiday leave to help).

This week has been an environmental theme week. Looking after the environment is one of the biggest issues we will face for the foreseeable future, and we want to help empower our children to make a difference in their daily lives. Once we have their work and photos collated we will showcase some of the learning on a new website page.

Finally, we finished off the term with theatre performances of Robin Hood. This fitted in with Year 5's current topic, but it was also a great opportunity for children from Y2-Y5 to experience a theatre production.

Best wishes for an enjoyable half term, and let's hope it doesn't rain too much!

*Mark Freeman, Headteacher*



Well done to Year 4 and Year 1 for their lovely Harvest Services in the Church Centre and School Hall. Both were really thoughtful events, with super singing (as we have come to expect). Thank you also for the Harvest gifts, which will go to help local people in need.



### Coming up next term....

Year 5 have their turn to go on camp, this time to the Forest of Dean. This is more focussed on geographical skills and experiences, including a river study, canoeing, climbing and a water walk in the forest. Year 1 parents will be able to come into school for lunch while Year 5 are away. We will be celebrating Children in Need day on October 15<sup>th</sup>, with the usual spotty theme. Year 6 will be visiting the Aerospace museum, and we will be taking most of the children to the church on Nov 25<sup>th</sup> for a special Christmas theatre production. In December of course there will be the usual Christmas performances by Year 3 and Reception, as well as our school Christmas dinner. Please see website for dates and details.

### STAFF NEWS

We welcome Alison Holloway as a new Lunchbreak Supervisor: she will hopefully be starting soon after half term.

Mr Downing has just let us know that his second child – another son! – has arrived! Parents in 6.2 should look out for a letter being emailed to you,

### Clubs next term

Please visit the website for details of the changes to clubs next term. There are two new sports clubs on Tuesdays, one for KS1 (multisports) and one for KS2 (various sports). Both will be run by our new Sports partner, Signature Sports. Some teacher-run clubs will not be on during the first week because of parent evenings (check website). Netball WILL be on the first day back!

### Better behaviours project

We have had a positive start to the new South Glos Behaviour project. Shaking hands is proving to be a great start to the day, and children have been quite happy not to have merit points given out. Instead we have been praising more, sending out positive dojo messages, and continuing with recommendations and special postcards.

### Y3 trip to Aust: cancelled

Y3 parents will be aware that we cancelled the trip to Aust due to take place today as the weather forecast was pretty terrible. As the trip is in the open with no shelter, and involves scrambling over rocks, we did not feel it would be safe enough to go there. Because of the tides it looks very unlikely we will be able to rearrange any time so, so we will arrange for parents to be reimbursed.

### New lunch menu

Look out for the new lunch menu on the school website.

### Website and app

There are a few changes in process on the website, sorting out a few glitches. The App is up and running: please consider using this to keep informed. We are also in the process of updating the Year Group pages: ignore anything with a B next to it! (These will eventually be the new pages)

### Sports News

Sports news: a winning start

We have started the season off in fine style, undefeated so far in all sports. Our boys' football team won their first three matches quite easily, scoring 45 goals in total and conceding 0. The fourth match was our first real test, against Frampton Cottrell in the cup. With ten minutes to go we were 0-1 down, but maintained our belief (and our shape) to first equalise, and then get a last-minute winner with Luke calmly slotting away a penalty.

Our girls' team has mostly been unlucky with the weather, and they have only played one match. This was also a cup game, which they won 4-0 against St. Michael's, Winterbourne,

We have also defeated Bowsland Green 4-1 in the friendly league, whilst in tag rugby we played in the local tournament at Aretians winning all our games.

### Next term

We have been trying out several potential replacements for Bristol Sport, and we are going to be working with Signature Sport over the rest of the year. The main aims will be: to introduce different sports to the children; to improve our own staff ability to teach PE; and to provide more opportunities for after-school provision. Details of these clubs are available on the website NOW.

### Sports PE kits

As promised, we have reviewed the sports kit situation. We have decided that, next term, ALL children will wear school uniform to school, and get changed only when they have PE. If they have games in the afternoon, they may go home in PE kit, which will save one lot of getting changed.

There are two reasons for this change:

- There are too many PE kit variations, particularly regarding track suits, which means the school is looking much less smart than we would like.
- If children get wet in their PE clothes (which is likely given the winter weather) they have nothing to change into.

**This means that children will need to bring in and keep in school their PE kit. Children from Y2 upwards should have some sort of tracksuit (preferably black) or hoodie (preferably the school one).**

We will review this again before next summer.



Robin Hood came to St Michael's today and yesterday: a super way to end the term with an excellent and interactive performance.



Children in Need Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need Day: please start thinking about wearing something spotty!